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**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**

*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-11**

**WHEREAS**, I John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim a severe summer weather emergency for south central and southeastern North Dakota due to severe storm activity on July 15, 2007, that produced large hail, heavy rain, tornadoes and high winds of up to 100 miles per hour (mph); and

**WHEREAS**, two successive and extremely large super cell thunderstorms produced damages in a 65-mile-long, five to seven-mile wide path causing potentially millions of dollars of damage to electrical power transmission infrastructure causing widespread power outages; and

**WHEREAS**, storm activity produced severe crop and structure damage and resulted in the necessity for widespread debris removal efforts; and


**WHEREAS**, an assessment by the National Weather Service (NWS) indicates winds often exceeded 80 miles per hour (mph), and may have surpassed 100 mph, within that path. Preliminary data indicates five tornado tracks were imbedded into the larger downburst wind pattern; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I order total utilization of the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices, to respond to the situation, assist local and tribal officials, alleviate hardships, and implement appropriate recovery actions and future mitigation measures to limit the hardships and impact of this disaster, and facilitate restoration of services and infrastructure.

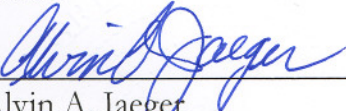
This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 26 day of July, 2007.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

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Deputy Secretary of State